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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MOPS, SO, SU, ET  
SUBJ: COMMENTS OF SOVIET MINISTER-COUNSELLOR ON HORN OF AFRICA

1. AT RECEPTION GIVEN BY EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR ON 30 JULY, MINISTER-COUNSELLOR AT SOVIET EMBASSY EVGENY B. DEMENTIEV TALKED WITH TWO EMBOFFS REGARDING DECISION BY US TO PROVIDE ARMS TO SOMALIA. HE QUERIED WHETHER ANY MILITARY AID HAD ALREADY ARRIVED IN SOMALIA AND ALSO WHAT OBSTACLES EXISTED TOWARD EVENTUALLY PROVIDING SUCH AID. WHEN HE WAS ASKED WHAT STEPS THE SOVIETS WERE TAKING TO EFFECT PEACE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA, HE WAS EVASIVE. HOWEVER, HE JUSTIFIED CONTINUED SOVIET MILITARY SHIPMENTS TO ETHIOPIA AND TO SOMALIA IN THE MIDST OF WAR SAYING THAT OGADEN PROBLEM WAS BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA. SOVIET UNION WOULD NOT INTERFERE.

2. HOWEVER, DEMENTIEV WAS NOT SO BALANCED REGARDING ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN. HE IMMEDIATELY POINTED OUT THAT IF SUDAN WERE TO ATTACK ETHIOPIA THEN THE SOVIET UNION WOULD BACK ETHIOPIA AGAINST SUDAN. EMBOFF POINTED OUT IT UNLIKELY SUDAN WOULD ATTACK ETHIOPIA OR ETHIOPIA, SUDAN AND THAT PERHAPS HIS GOVERNMENT SHOULD CONCERN ITSELF WITH ACTUAL  
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CONFLICT NOW BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SOMALIA.  
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